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## St. Lucie County

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**A Monthly Update of  
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St. Lucie County**

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### **Board of County Commission Special Meetings & Workshops Scheduled**

- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop to discuss growth issues with Indian River County on January 31, 2005 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the Richardson Center located at the Indian River Community College Mueller Campus, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Strategic Planning Session on February 17, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the IRCC/FAU St. Lucie West Campus in the Schreiber Center, 500 NW California Blvd., Port St. Lucie.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Workshop to discuss the findings of the Final Presentation of the Criminal Justice System Assessment on Thursday, February 24, 2005 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room #3.

### **St. Lucie County Celebrates 100 Years — History in Progress**

Join St. Lucie County in celebrating their Centennial in 2005. Events will take place throughout the year culminating in a spectacular day-long celebration on Saturday, July 2, 2005 at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds featuring historical displays, antique car show, live entertainment, old fashioned games, a laser light show and fireworks. The day will end in a concert by country music star Mark Chesnutt. For more information, contact (772) 462-1791.

### **Zora Fest! Re-Scheduled for May 13-15, 2005**

Despite Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne disrupting October's festival planned to recognize the literary achievements of the late author Zora Neale Hurston, **ZoraFest! A Homecoming** is back on track. The first annual three-day festival is now scheduled for Friday-Sunday, May 13-15, 2005. The main events for the festival will be conducted at Lincoln Park Academy in Fort Pierce and will include children's activities, music, dance, art exhibits, dramatic presentations and literature discussions. Tours of Hurston's home and other sites on the **Zora Neale Hurston Dust Tracks Heritage Trail** will also be organized. Local people and others who knew and worked with Hurston will be on hand to reminisce about her life and her work. For more information on **Zorafest!**, please contact the Arts Council Office in Fort Pierce at (772) 462-1767 or [wardj@co.st-lucie.fl.us](mailto:wardj@co.st-lucie.fl.us).

### **SLCTV Goes Live on the Web**

St. Lucie County's Government Access Channel, SLCTV, will go live on the web this Spring. Live streaming video of SLCTV and Video On-Demand will provide viewers the ability to watch the channel 24 hours a day on the intranet as well as provide video on demand service for archived meetings and other shows. V2Net (D.CO) will provide the service at a cost of \$18,876.00. Currently, SLCTV is only available to cable customers on Comcast channel 21 and to unincorporated residents of Port St. Lucie on Adelphia channel 20.

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## Highwayman Livingston 'Castro' Roberts' Art Show "On the Red Carpet" Slated for February at the Historical Museum

A celebration of the life and work of Florida "Highwayman" artist Livingston 'Castro' Roberts (1941-2004) and an art exhibit of 25 of his paintings will highlight the month of February at the St. Lucie County Historical Museum. On Friday, February 4th, a dedication at Roberts' gravesite at 4 p.m. in Pinegrove Cemetery in Fort Pierce will be followed by the show's opening and reception at the Museum from 5:30- 8:00 p.m. Local artists Anita Prentice and Pat Cochran have been commissioned by Roberts' family to create a vault top mosaic replica of one of Roberts' paintings, and their artwork will be presented at the February 4th rededication of his grave. The brother of St. Lucie County Elections Supervisor Gertrude Walker, (whose husband is also fellow Highwayman Charles Walker) Roberts died in January 2004. For more information, call Anne Sinnott at (772) 462-1891.

## Party in the Park

The Conservation Alliance "Party in the Park" has been rescheduled to Saturday, January 22, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fort Pierce Inlet State Park.

## St. Lucie County Fair

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Lucie County Fair will begin on Friday, February 25, 2005 and run through Sunday, March 6, 2005 at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds. Visit <http://www.stluciecountyfair.org/> for more information.

## New York Mets Opening Night

The opening day for spring training home games for the New York Mets at the Tradition Field will be on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:10 p.m. versus the St. Louis Cardinals. Visit <http://stluciemets.com/> for more information.

## February Events at the Oxbow Eco-Center

**Saturday Wake-Up Call Lecture Series ~ February 5 @ 10:30 a.m.** ~ One of the pre-eminent birders of Florida, **Wes Biggs** will present "**A Lifetime of Birding in Florida.**" He will share some of the common and not so-common birds of Florida and the friendly competition among birders.

**"Introduction to Birding" Course Begins Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.** ~ This birding course will be held at the Oxbow Eco-Center and consists of three evening classes (Feb 23, March 2 & 9) and three Saturday off-site field trips. Space is limited. Register today! Cost is \$25 per participant. Field trip dates & locations will be announced at first class. For more information or to register, call Wren Underwood at (772) 785-5842 or email her at [underwoe@stlucieco.gov](mailto:underwoe@stlucieco.gov).

**Eco-Friday Night Hike, Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 -8:30 p.m.** ~ Oxbow's annual season of night hikes takes place the last Friday of each month through April. Each hike is preceded by an educational program. Join us this month as everyone's favorite "bat man", Ken Geoli conducts his special bat program, complete with bat detecting along the trails.

## Regularly Scheduled Programs

Guided Hike Every Saturday at 10:00 a.m.; Nature for Families—2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Each Month from 12:30-2:30 p.m.; and Canoe & Kayak Tour—3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Each Month from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

## Upcoming Event at the St. Lucie County Library

Lakewood Park Branch Library book sale ~ **January 27-29** at the Lakewood Park Library in Fort Pierce from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a variety of fiction and non-fiction books available. All proceeds of the sale go to the Friends of the St. Lucie County Library, Inc. For more information, call 462-6870.

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